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CARSON NATIONAL FOREST PREPOSITIONS FIRE RESOURCES

Taos, New Mexico, May 22, 2006, - Carson National Forest Fire Management Officials have prepositioned firefighting resources in response to the existing high wildfire conditions. Two federal agency engines, three contract engines, one ten person firefighting crew, two lookouts, plus six assorted overhead personnel and one interagency helicopter have been prepositioned. Two helicopters and other assorted resources have also been prepositioned in Santa Fe.

On Tuesday, May 16, 2006, after a weekend of scattered moisture, a three acre lightning caused fire at the mouth of Hondo Canyon emphasized the necessity to remain in Stage II Fire Restrictions. Under Stage II Restrictions, liquid pressurized gas camp stoves are allowed but absolutely no open fires, no smoking, no chainsaws, no driving off of forest roads and no fireworks. The Jicarilla Ranger District will remain in Stage I.

According to Dan Rael, Acting Forest Supervisor, “we are continuing to look at developing a plan to accommodate the communities need for firewood, and expect to have something in place early in June.”

The Carson National Forest will remain open for camping, hiking, fishing and other recreational activities and would like to remind visitors to our forests to use extreme caution. Our primary concern is for public safety and wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day Weekend.

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